



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



THANK YOU CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS

THANK YOU childcare professionals for caring for the children of other people who are out there supporting and caring for our community. We couldn't do this without you! **[View video.](#)**

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Many people are home today as they have been all-week. But there are many people who are at work – supporting others in our community. They are placing their health and lives at risk – for others – for our community – for you – for me. It's important that each of us does whatever we can to reduce not just our risk – but also the risk of those supporting and protecting us. Social distancing and staying home for those who can is not just about you, it's also about protecting people who are still working to support and protect us.

I, like many of us, are thankful for the work that others are doing to support our community. Now and in the days and weeks to come, we need to share that we are thankful. Please post a comment or, better yet, a short video below or on your own page, tagging those people or organizations you're thankful for. This is one way to share our thanks with people supporting us and I feel that sharing this thanks will be welcomed with open hearts.

For myself, I thank the **Snohomish Health District**, including its staff and its board, for not just providing needed guidance and support, but also for demonstrating leadership during this crisis. I thank our health care workers and first responders, our police, city staff, councilmembers, and other elected officials. And I am thankful for people who are:

- Caring for the children and family members of other essential personnel,
- Working in our grocery stores and pharmacies,
- Making deliveries to us at home,
- Working in restaurants that offer takeout and delivery,
- Getting us information through the media,
- Helping our most vulnerable communities, and
- Volunteering time and resources.

Please keep everyone of these heroes in your hearts and prayers and please share your words and acts of thanksgiving with them and one another. And while many of us are still working, there are many who are not. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers as well – we must all do what we can to lessen the difficulties they are facing today and in the upcoming weeks.

We may be at home alone or out practicing social distancing, but we are not alone. We are one community – together. **#LoveMonroe**

COVID-19 AT HOME ACTIVITY GUIDE

It's essential for us to be practicing social distancing and staying home at this time. Keep your friends and family safe while still being social. Try some of these at-home activities to keep you entertained and social.

[View the growing list here.](#)



APRIL 28, 2020 PARK BOND REQUEST WITHDRAWN

Thank you to the City of Monroe voters for your strong support of the East Council Parks and Recreation Bond request in November 2019. Based on this support, the City Council had scheduled a park bond request for the April 28, 2020 special election. However, based on the current challenges our community is facing due to COVID-19, the City has withdrawn our election request and will not be seeking a park's bond this April.

This decision was not taken lightly. Our parks are an important part of our community and contribute to the overall quality of life here in Monroe. But the health and safety of our voting population and staff is priority. Thank you for your continued patience.

SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT POSTPONED

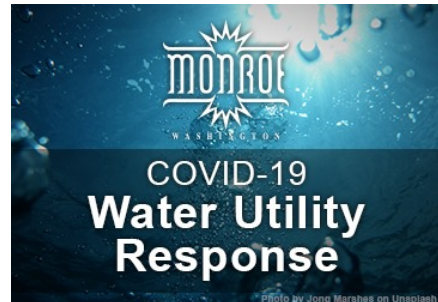
In an effort to continue to prioritize the health and safety of residents, businesses, and staff, the May 9, 2020 spring cleanup provided by Republic Services is currently postponed. A new date has not yet been set. As we learn more about the duration of "Stay Healthy, Stay Home," the City will work with Republic Services to reschedule the cleanup event. Regular curb side garbage service continues to be picked up as scheduled.

We sincerely thank you for your continued patience.

WATER UTILITY COVID-19 RESPONSE

The City of Monroe highly values the safety and health of our residents, businesses, customers, and staff. As a provider of essential utility services, the City is working to assist our customers as coronavirus impacts the region.

The City of Monroe is taking the following steps to help our residential and business customers who might be worried about paying their bills:



- The City will not shut off water services for the month of March.
- The City is encouraging everyone to either pay their bills on-line or use the drop box located just outside the City Hall's front door. Over the phone credit card fees are currently being waived for utility payments.
- The City will work with customers who may fall behind on their utility bills to set up a payment plan. (Payment plans during March will not count toward the aggregate allowed per account). For further information, please call 360-794-7400. Please leave a message with your name, contact information, and account number if available.

The following organizations are available to assist our most vulnerable utility customers:

- Salvation Army 425-259-8129
- Sky Valley Food Bank 360-794-7959
- Take the Next Step 360-794-1022

- St. Vincent DePaul 425-355-3505
- Volunteers of America 425-259-3192

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The April 7, 2020, City Council Study Session has been CANCELLED.

[Council Agendas/Minutes](#)

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

Curious about some of the City's major revenue streams? Don't have time to read through the entire budget? **Here** are a few of the City's revenue year-to-date numbers along with their prior year comparisons. If you would like further information, contact the Finance Department at 360-794-7400 and reference Monroe This Week.

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